

# Colin Lawrence

**Colin Lawrence** is an English-Canadian actor known for his roles in film and television. He is best known for playing John 'Preacher' Middleton in the Netflix series Virgin River (2019–Present).<sup>[1]</sup>

## Early life

Lawrence was born in London and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.<sup>[2][3]</sup> He is of Jamaican descent.

## Career

Since 1995, he has participated in many TV series, either as a guest star or in recurring roles.

From 2006 to 2009, he gained recognition as Hamish "Skulls" McCall on the rebooted Battlestar Galactica TV series.<sup>[4]</sup> In the TV series Blade (2006) he was the protagonist's father.<sup>[5]</sup> In the TV series Endgame (2011) he appeared as detective Jason Evans. In 2011 and 2012, he appeared in 12 episodes as Benjamin Abani on The Killing. He has also appeared in recurring roles as Janko in The CW series iZombie, as Damien in the TV Land sitcom Impastor, and as Coach Clayton in The CW series Riverdale. Since 2019, he has played the main character John "Preacher" Middleton in the Netflix series Virgin River.

Besides his career as a TV actor he also appeared in many feature films, including Afghan Knights and Watchmen.

## Personal life

Lawrence married Lucia Walters in 1999 and they have two daughters.<sup>[1]</sup>

| Colin Lawrence      |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Born</b>         | <u>London</u> , <u>England</u> |
| <b>Occupation</b>   | Actor                          |
| <b>Years active</b> | 1995–present                   |
| <b>Spouse</b>       | <u>Lucia Walters</u>           |
| <b>Children</b>     | 2                              |

# Filmography

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## Film

| Year | Title                                      | Role                          | Notes           |
|------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1995 | <i><u>Slam Dunk Ernest</u></i>             | Tommy T.                      | Direct-to-video |
| 1999 | <i><u>Y2K</u></i>                          | Gumball                       |                 |
| 2000 | <i><u>Epicenter</u></i>                    | Driver                        |                 |
|      | <i><u>The 6th Day</u></i>                  | Security Guard                |                 |
| 2001 | <i><u>Head over Heels</u></i>              | Officer Jones                 |                 |
| 2002 | <i><u>Black Point</u></i>                  | Patrolman                     |                 |
| 2003 | <i><u>House of the Dead</u></i>            | G                             |                 |
|      | <i><u>Dreamcatcher</u></i>                 | Edwards                       |                 |
|      | <i><u>X2</u></i>                           | Stryker Soldier               |                 |
| 2004 | <i><u>The Thing Below</u></i>              | Dixon                         | Direct-to-video |
|      | <i><u>Ripper 2: Letter from Within</u></i> | Roberto Edwards               |                 |
|      | <i><u>Part of the Game</u></i>             | Marcus                        |                 |
| 2005 | <i><u>Missing in America</u></i>           | Young Jake                    |                 |
|      | <i><u>Fantastic Four</u></i>               | NYPD Bridge Cop 2             |                 |
|      | <i><u>Sub Zero</u></i>                     | Pete Tanner                   | Direct-to-video |
|      | <i><u>Severed</u></i>                      | Arnold                        |                 |
| 2006 | <i><u>Hollow Man 2</u></i>                 | Capt. Rollins                 | Direct-to-video |
|      | <i><u>Crossed</u></i>                      | Tyrone                        |                 |
| 2007 | <i><u>Afghan Knights</u></i>               | JT                            |                 |
| 2009 | <i><u>Watchmen</u></i>                     | Officer Kirkpatrick           |                 |
|      | <i><u>Driven to Kill</u></i>               | Police Officer #2             |                 |
|      | <i><u>Case 39</u></i>                      | Police Sergeant               |                 |
| 2010 | <i><u>Lullaby for Pi</u></i>               | Jack                          |                 |
| 2013 | <i><u>Kill for Me</u></i>                  | Detective Howe                | Direct-to-video |
|      | <i><u>12 Rounds 2: Reloaded</u></i>        | Jay                           |                 |
| 2017 | <i><u>Rememory</u></i>                     | Det. Mike Buckland            |                 |
|      | <i><u>Fifty Shades Darker</u></i>          | Penthouse Restaurant Customer |                 |

## Television

| Year       | Title                                        | Role                         | Notes                                      |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1995       | <i>She Stood Alone: The Tailhook Scandal</i> | Hawk                         | Television film                            |
|            | <i>Strange Luck</i>                          | Stokes                       | Episode: "Blind Man's Bluff"               |
| 1996, 1997 | <i>The Sentinel</i>                          | Ray                          | 2 episodes                                 |
| 1996–1998  | <i>The X-Files</i>                           | Various roles                | 3 episodes                                 |
| 1997       | <i>Poltergeist: The Legacy</i>               | Paramedic #1                 | Episode: "The New Guard"                   |
|            | <i>The Outer Limits</i>                      | Technician                   | Episode: "A Special Edition"               |
|            | <i>Unwed Father</i>                          | State Trooper                | Television film                            |
|            | <i>Medusa's Child</i>                        | PAX Naval Base Controller    | Television film                            |
| 1997–2002  | <i>Stargate SG-1</i>                         | Various roles                | 5 episodes                                 |
| 1998       | <i>Outrage</i>                               | Captain                      | Television film                            |
|            | <i>Viper</i>                                 | Karl Mathers                 | Episode: "Double Team"                     |
|            | <i>Silencing Mary</i>                        | Augie                        | Television film                            |
|            | <i>Creature</i>                              | Communications Officer       | 2 episodes                                 |
|            | <i>Atomic Train</i>                          | Steve Monroe                 | 2 episodes                                 |
| 1999       | <i>Heaven's Fire</i>                         | Bobby                        | Television film                            |
|            | <i>Hayley Wagner, Star</i>                   | Mr. Altree                   | Television film                            |
|            | <i>As Time Runs Out</i>                      | Officer                      | Television film                            |
|            | <i>First Wave</i>                            | Terrence                     | Episode: "Night Falls"                     |
|            | <i>The Wonder Cabinet</i>                    | FBI-Colquitt                 | Television film                            |
| 2000       | <i>Seven Days</i>                            | Lamar Pitts / FBI Lead Agent | 2 episodes                                 |
|            | <i>Secret Agent Man</i>                      | Exo                          | Episode: "Sleepers"                        |
|            | <i>Hollywood Off-Ramp</i>                    | Luther                       | Episode: "Judgement Day"                   |
|            | <i>Final Ascent</i>                          | Agent Matthews               | Television film                            |
| 2001       | <i>Dark Angel</i>                            | O'Neill                      | 3 episodes                                 |
|            | <i>Wolf Lake</i>                             | Robinson                     | Episode: "Soup to Nuts"                    |
| 2002       | <i>Just Cause</i>                            | Sharpe                       | Episode: "Pilot: Part 2"                   |
|            | <i>The Twilight Zone</i>                     | Daniel Barrett               | Episode: "Cradle of Darkness"              |
|            | <i>Saint Sinner</i>                          | Steve                        | Television film                            |
| 2003       | <i>Andromeda</i>                             | 1st Renegade                 | Episode: "What Happens to a Rev Deferred?" |
|            | <i>Dead Like Me</i>                          | Businessman                  | Episode: "Dead Girl Walking"               |
|            | <i>Jeremiah</i>                              | Team Leader                  | 2 episodes                                 |
| 2004       | <i>The Survivors Club</i>                    | Sheriff Bellows              | Television film                            |

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|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                  | <i>Proof of the Man</i>                           | Mario                  | Miniseries                        |
| 2004–2006        | <i>The L Word</i>                                 | David Waters           | 4 episodes                        |
| 2004, 2005, 2009 | <i>Smallville</i>                                 | Various roles          | 3 episodes                        |
| 2005             | <i>Romeo!</i>                                     | Darius Crippen         | Episode: "Hits and Misses"        |
|                  | <i>The 4400</i>                                   | Dan Kendrick           | Episode: "Weight of the World"    |
|                  | <i>Third Man Out</i>                              | Cole                   | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Premonition</i>                                | Agent Boston           | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Chasing Christmas</i>                          | Present Trainee        | Television film                   |
| 2006             | <i>Augusta, Gone</i>                              | Will                   | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Blade: The Series</i>                          | Young Robert Brooks    | 2 episodes                        |
|                  | <i>Saved</i>                                      | Michael                | Episode: "Tango"                  |
|                  | <i>To Have and to Hold</i>                        | Det. McKenna           | Television film                   |
| 2006–2009        | <i>Battlestar Galactica</i>                       | Hamish 'Skulls' McCall | 13 episodes                       |
| 2006, 2009, 2016 | <i>Supernatural</i>                               | Various roles          | 3 episodes                        |
| 2007             | <i>It Was One of Us</i>                           | Tom                    | Television film                   |
| 2008             | <i>Paparazzi Princess: The Paris Hilton Story</i> | L.A.P.D. Officer #1    | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Men in Trees</i>                               | Slick Announcer Guy    | Episode: "Surprise, Surprise"     |
|                  | <i>Past Lies</i>                                  | Goodwin                | Television film                   |
| 2009             | <i>Trust</i>                                      | Detective #1           | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Children of the Gods</i>                       | Warren                 | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Phantom Racer</i>                              | Deputy Jackson         | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Sanctuary</i>                                  | Scofield               | Episode: "Veritas"                |
| 2010             | <i>Stonehenge Apocalypse</i>                      | Pilot                  | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Concrete Canyons</i>                           | Hanley                 | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Human Target</i>                               | Delgado                | Episode: "Dead Head"              |
| 2011             | <i>Fairly Legal</i>                               | Lawyer Buddy           | Episode: "Bridges"                |
|                  | <i>Endgame</i>                                    | Det. Jason Evans       | 6 episodes                        |
|                  | <i>Fringe</i>                                     | Agent Roach            | Episode: "Neither Here Nor There" |
| 2011–2012        | <i>The Killing</i>                                | Benjamin Abani         | 12 episodes                       |
| 2012             | <i>Alcatraz</i>                                   | J.T.                   | Episode: "Guy Hastings"           |
|                  | <i>Continuum</i>                                  | Sergeant / Leader      | 2 episodes                        |
|                  | <i>Smart Cookies</i>                              | Troy                   | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>A Mother's Nightmare</i>                       | Coach Brody            | Television film                   |
|                  | <i>Hitched for the Holidays</i>                   | Patrick                | Television film                   |

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|------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|            | <i>Beauty and the Beast: A Dark Tale</i>        | Yanta Mho               | Television film                      |
| 2013       | <i>Arrow</i>                                    | Paul Knox               | Episode: "Trust But Verify"          |
|            | <i>Twist of Faith</i>                           | Mike Jones              | Television film                      |
|            | <i>Eve of Destruction</i>                       | David Jackson           | 2 episodes                           |
|            | <i>Cedar Cove</i>                               | Instructor              | Episode: "Cedar Cove: The Beginning" |
|            | <i>Lost Girl</i>                                | Marcus                  | Episode: "Of All the Gin Joints"     |
| 2014       | <i>The 100</i>                                  | Rivo / Grounder Warrior | 2 episodes                           |
| 2015       | <i>Motive</i>                                   | Doug Grey               | Episode: "Calling the Shots"         |
|            | <i>Minority Report</i>                          | Hamilton Vega           | 2 episodes                           |
|            | <i>Angels in the Snow</i>                       | Joe Tucker              | Television film                      |
| 2015–2016  | <i>Impastor</i>                                 | Damien Westbrook        | 5 episodes                           |
| 2016       | <i>iZombie</i>                                  | Janko                   | 6 episodes                           |
|            | <i>Dead of Summer</i>                           | Joel's Dad              | 2 episodes                           |
|            | <i>Betrayed</i>                                 | Cat Eyes                | Episode: "No Escape"                 |
|            | <i>Mr. Write</i>                                | Tim                     | Television film                      |
|            | <i>Shut Eye</i>                                 | Denny                   | 2 episodes                           |
|            | <i>The Man in the High Castle</i>               | Boat Captain            | Episode: "The Tiger's Cave"          |
| 2016, 2018 | <i>Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce</i>            | DJ                      | 2 episodes                           |
| 2017       | <i>Framed for Murder: A Fixer Upper Mystery</i> | Chief Jensen            | Television film                      |
|            | <i>Beaches</i>                                  | Bryan                   | Television film                      |
|            | <i>Timeless</i>                                 | State Trooper           | Episode: "Karma Chameleon"           |
|            | <i>The Arrangement</i>                          | Brandon Drake           | Episode: "Crashing"                  |
|            | <i>Concrete Evidence: A Fixer Upper Mystery</i> | Chief Jensen            | Television film                      |
|            | <i>Somewhere Between</i>                        | Barnes                  | 3 episodes                           |
| 2017–2019  | <i>Riverdale</i>                                | Coach Clayton           | 6 episodes                           |
| 2018       | <i>Taken</i>                                    | Terry Hicks             | Episode: "Quarry"                    |
|            | <i>Deadly Deed: A Fixer Upper Mystery</i>       | Chief Jensen            | Television film                      |
|            | <i>ReBoot: The Guardian Code</i>                | Mr. Davies              | 2 episodes                           |
|            | <i>Colony</i>                                   | Resistance Sentry       | 3 episodes                           |
|            | <i>The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco</i>      | Marcus Bearden          | 5 episodes                           |
|            | <i>Take Two</i>                                 | Jay Elder               | 2 episodes                           |
|            | <i>Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa</i> | Thomas Tucker           | Television film                      |

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| 2018, 2019   | <i>The Good Doctor</i>                           | Clifton                   | 2 episodes                  |
| 2019         | <i>Mystery 101</i>                               | Sebastian Dusquesnes      | Episode: "Playing Dead"     |
|              | <i>Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy</i>    | Thomas Tucker             | Television film             |
| 2019–Present | <i>Virgin River</i>                              | John 'Preacher' Middleton | 42 episodes                 |
| 2020         | <i>Christmas in Evergreen: Bells are Ringing</i> | Thomas Tucker             | Television film             |
| 2021         | <i>Morning Show Mysteries</i>                    | Tyrell Price              | Episode: "Murder After All" |
|              | <i>Dancing Through the Snow</i>                  | Michael Foster            | Television film             |
| 2023         | <i>Napa Ever After</i>                           | Alec                      | Television film             |

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